



City of Miami Springs, Florida

The Disability Advisory Board met at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

1) Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m.

The following were present: Catherine Stadnik
Grace Bain
Richard Barnes

Absent: Roslyn Buckner

Also present: Board Secretary Elora R. Sakal
Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson

2) Approval of Minutes: March 15, 2000

Minutes of the March 15, 2000 meeting were approved as a ministerial act since a majority of the current members did not serve on the board at that time.

3) Old Business: None

4) New Business:

a) Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Board member Barnes moved to appoint Grace Bain as Chair. Board member Stadnik seconded the motion which carried unanimously on voice vote.

b) Appropriating the Usage of Annual Funds Received from the County for Disabled Permit Parking Fines

Board member Barnes wanted to know if the Community Center pool was handicap accessible.

Board member Stadnik asked if the Board had to come up with an idea to spend the funds tonight and Board Secretary Sakal replied that she does not believe the Board must come up with a decision tonight on how to spend the funds.

Chair Bain said that she would speak to Recreation Director Omar Luna about the possibilities at the pool.

Elderly Services Director Karen Rosson commented that there are a variety of things that may qualify someone as disabled and the Board should take that into consideration when deciding how to spend these funds.

To answer Board member Barnes' question, Board Secretary Sakal stated that citizens are welcome to attend the meetings. The Board can also speak to residents in between meetings to get suggestions from them.

Board member Bain asked Ms. Rosson if she had any suggestions for the Senior Center and Ms. Rosson responded that she does not at the moment due to the extensive renovations that had been done at the Senior Center.

Ms. Rosson suggested that the Board members should poll residents in the City to find out what ideas they may have.

Board member Barnes asked if the funds had to be spent and Ms. Rosson explained that the funds do need to be spent.

Board member Barnes asked what the deadline was to spend the funds and Board Secretary Sakal replied that she would ask Assistant City Manager/Finance Director William Alonso.

Ms. Rosson suggested approaching Public Works Director Tom Nash to see if there is anything that he knows of that may need to be done with regards to streets or sidewalks.

Board member Barnes suggested the possibility of having an electric shopping cart at Milam's Market and Ms. Rosson replied that Milam's is a private company but he could ask the manager of the store to see what they would say. She cautioned Board member Barnes about thinking in this term because if something that involves a private business were to be done with City funds then another private business may claim foul.

Ms. Rosson read the following section from the Code:

"The Board shall appoint one of its members at the beginning of each calendar year to act as a liaison with the City Administrative Staff in conducting an annual ADA self-evaluation of the City."

Ms. Rosson said that led her to believe that some survey had already been done throughout the City.

Board Secretary Sakal advised the Board that due to the new quarterly meetings, the next meeting would be on May 1, 2014 unless there is a deadline for the funds to be used and the Board has to meet sooner.

Board member Bain spoke with Recreation Director Luna and he said that the Community Center and pool are up to ADA Standards. If the Community Center were to implement a program for those who are physically challenged then someone with certain qualifications would have to be hired and it would require a lot of work.

Ms. Rosson also suggested that the Board members could speak to the seniors at the Senior Center.

Board member Stadnik suggested the possibility of helping the physically challenged with purchasing and transporting groceries and Ms. Rosson said that it is something that would be very difficult and with regards to spending the funds, she does not believe that is the way the Board should go.

5) Adjournment

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elora R. Sakal
Board Secretary

Approved as written at meeting of: 04-10-2014

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